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## Prima Moda Brides

**D**URING 2009 Jean Pas, owner of Prima Moda Brides in Ilminster, is celebrating five years in business. Situated in Ditton Street, the business has gained the reputation of offering an honest, personal and professional service.

"Some brides are very apprehensive as it is a big day for them," said Jean, "but after a short while it becomes clear that they are relaxed and only too happy to try on the gowns."

Prima Moda Brides work on a mainly appointment system but all brides are made to feel welcome. They like to show the brides each individual gown and encourage them to try many different styles.

Prima Moda Brides are known for their unique styles, and clients have said that they are impressed with the gowns, which are very different from anywhere else. Brides also want to be remembered on their wedding day for the very special gown they are wearing.

Prima Moda Brides has gone from strength to strength and the number of brides has been increasing each year. This is in part thanks to recommendations from present and previous clients as each bride is made to feel very special.

"Super service and genuine, honest advice, thanks for all your help." This is just one of the testimonials in the visitors' book with cards and photos on display. Brides come from far and wide with weddings being held in



Iceland and America

Sarah Jackson the couture designer for brides, bridesmaids and mother of the bride, is one of the people who alters the gowns, with another well known local designer Sue Hallett and her daughter Laura Tucker.

Irene Morris Memento Tiaras has bespoke tiaras on display and is also offering commission pieces and free hair trials when purchasing a tiara.

Jean has put in 150 per cent to her business over the past five

years and this shows not only in the growth of the business but in the presentation of the shop. People stop to admire and comment on the window displays, all done by Jean herself.

Due to the collaboration with the Shrubbery Hotel, Prima Moda were able to open on Sunday 18th. October. They had an extremely busy and successful day and would like to thank the Shrubbery for their co-operation.

The arrival of new wedding gowns and keeping the stock selling on a regular basis

means that Prima Moda Brides are always up to date and fresh. Still with a unique styles and professional approach Prima Moda Brides is now into a sixth year, with bespoke tiaras and couture gowns.

Formal menswear hire Suited! is now under new management with Les Hallett and Laura Tucker. This service is available on Monday evenings by appointment only.

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## Lynnette's Beautiful Brides ...

A big thank you to my beautiful brides, you made my job look easy by looking so good. I love my work and I believe it shows my approach to every wedding and in my style of photography.

From the happy and fun shots of the bride getting ready in the morning to the romance of the happy couple's first dance and all the spontaneous joyful events in between.

It is a real pleasure working with some of the best wedding venues in this area. A special thank you to everyone at Hornsbury Mill – you are great to work with guys. Your venue with the backdrop of the lake and wildlife (who always seem to perform to order) is a photographer's dream. It has also been wonderful working with the Alexandra Hotel in my home town of Lyme – with their beautiful wedding room and the best view of The Cobb – quite exquisite.

The flowers, this year, have been truly stunning. We are blessed with some of the best florists for miles. Teresa at House of Flowers, Busy Bee and Cloud Nine. Thank you girls you have all produced stunning bouquets. And thank you Caroline at La-Di-Da for creating some of the most beautiful and unique wedding dresses ... working with you all through the season has been a joy and I wish you all the best in 2010. For every happy couple getting married next year let's hope the sun shines.

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Caroline has also worked closely with an Eton tailor, making historical costumes and learning techniques which are invaluable and can be adapted for today's gowns.


Caroline has created gowns for brides from Rome, Paris, Stockholm and all over England.

Having a dress designed and made for you is indeed a unique experience. Caroline works closely with you, tuning into your personality, body shape, venue and budget. She spends time sourcing fabrics from around the globe, drawing inspiration from rich brocades, sumptuous velvets, fine silks and lace.

Once a design, fabric and budget are established Caroline makes a toile - an exact replica of your design so you know, without a shadow of doubt, how your design will look. At this stage the design can then be altered.

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The first stage of the process would be to choose which jacket style and colour you would like, then select a waistcoat pattern from the vast range supplied and match accessories to finalise the look you are after.

When the groom is happy with his choices, a try on can be arranged to make sure the correct items have been selected.

Secondly, any other members of the party will need to be measured and

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